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It's a good thing for a man to take
stock in himself, but he shouldn't
oversubscribe.

We will have to do some tall hustling
to make up our war savings
stamp quota by Jan. 1.

Senator Lodge doesn't like Wilson's
note. Seems to the Star that
Mr. Lodge is too hard to satisfy.

Surgeon General Gorgas was retir-
ed, but he wouldn't stay retired. Too
valuable a man not to remain active
right now.

Wilson was born in Virginia, but
from the way he acts toward Ger-
many most people would think he was
from Missouri.

As disguising real objects is called
camouflage, Germany's attempts to
disguise its real sentiments may be
called "paciflage."

Secretary Baker has let slip the
statement that about 400,000 Amer-
ican soldiers have embarked for Eu-
rope since Sept. 1, and of these 131,-
000 have sailed since Oct. 1. Doesn't
look like the flu is holding America
up much.

An exchange says it likes Omar
Khayyam pretty well, but prefers
Chianti. Seems as if some of these
editors would let things they don't
understand alone. Omar Khayyam
ain't a wine, you chump; it's a cheese.
—St. Augustine Record.

He certainly was the whole cheese
in his style of verse.

In another place, we give room for
an article by Mr. Brinson on the ten-
mill amendment. Mr. Brinson shows
great improvement. He has dropped
his peevish tone and no longer seeks
to shed sidelights thru green glass
on the motives of those who disagree
with him. His argument is mild,
plausible and in some places reason-
able. But there are flaws in it, as we
shall proceed to show.

The following story claims to have
come from the front, but it was prob-
ably made up in New York: The
Huns in a recent battle kept sending
over frequent clouds of gas against a
certain American sector. During the
night white troops were relieved by a
regiment of negroes. The amazement
of the Huns turned, next day, to con-
sternation, and message after mes-
sage was sent to the rear: "We have
gassed the Americans until they have
turned black in the face, and still
they fight yet."

Former Ambassador Gerard says
that Dr. Sol was so strongly opposed
to Germany adding the United States
to the list of her enemies that when
was declared he took to his bed.
There is reason to believe that Mr.
Gerard's most important discoveries
about Germany have occurred since
he reached the United States.—To-
ronto Mail and Empire.

Several Americans are beginning
to have the same idea the Canadian
paper expresses. It is time for Mr.
Gerard to take the silent cure.

In commenting on the ten-mill
amendment, the Miami Herald and
the Tampa Tribune say the Star's op-
position to it is based solely on the
increase in taxes. That, it strikes us,
is a considerable reason where people
are already taxed to the limit. We
have, however, made several other
objections, but our contemporaries
fail to give us credit for them. The
Star is not as big a paper as the Her-

ald or the Tribune, but in carrying
on an argument it does not misrep-
resent its opponent.

PLAYING TO THE DRESS CIRCLE

Weighing the future welfare of the
state against the small increase of tax
as the Star does, makes it hard for us
to undertake to "refute the argu-
ments," as the Star invites the Tri-
bune to. Any argument that will urge
the petty penny against the enlight-
enment of our children we do not know
how to answer. We pay taxes about
as heavy as any one else in the aver-
age run of taxpayers, but if we
thought that our opposition would
take off the possible extra few cents
we expect to pay gladly, we would not
raise our voice so long as there is one
child uneducated in Florida or one
grown man who holds the dollar
above the child, or one paper that
esteemed it its duty to keep down the
educational, and therefore material,
moral and financial growth of this
state.—Tampa Tribune.

The foregoing is misrepresentation,
and playing to the dress circle. The
Tribune, a well-to-do newspaper,
brands as mercenary the people who
oppose the amendment, not caring,
for of course it can't help knowing,
that it can raise a thousand dollars
easier than tens of thousands of the
common people can raise five. Any-
body living in another state would
suppose by reading the foregoing
from the Tribune that Florida is
backward, stingy to its schools and
that its children are steeped in ig-
norance. The truth is that the peo-
ple of Florida have already been more

generous in proportion to their means
to their schools than the people of the
average state. Also, their children
are better educated than the children
of any other southern state, and at
any other time the Tribune would take
great pride in saying so. Mr. Stovall
knows the Star well enough, even if
his editorial writer doesn't, to know
it is not swayed by mercenary motives
in this matter, and the covert sneers
about a "petty penny against enlight-
enment," or "a paper that wants to
keep down educational growth," are
evidently the product of a mind that
out of ignorance assumes to make
argument. The Star is not personally
concerned in the matter. It is not
rich, but in the mountain of other ex-
penses it carries it would not notice
the few additional dollars the tax
would impose on it. But this county
and state are full of people who will
notice it, because they are already
taxed to the limit of their capacity.
Florida school taxes are already giantic,
people are having to deny
themselves the necessities of life to
pay them and to pay for books for
their children. To hear the Tribune
and the teacher-craft prate one would
suppose that education was the only
duty the people owed their children—
that they do not owe them food nor
clothes nor good homes, nor healthy
amusement, nor anything but to load
them down with books and send them
to school. The school authorities of
Florida are already receiving the lion's
share of the taxes, and if they were
handling their own money instead
of the public's they would have
enough. Their carelessness, extrava-
gance and devotion to fads, rather
than devotion to the people, are their
incentives to demanding this addi-
tional taxation.

Mr. Wilson's last note to Germany,
with the plain intimation that it is
the last, unless the Germans come to
terms, is all that his country or its
allies could expect him to write. It is
a straight slap in the face to the bul-
lies of Europe, who will rage im-
potently as they realize the great
force there is behind it. It is not like-
ly that Mr. Wilson drew up his note
without knowing it suited our Allies.
He gives the Germans no chance to
squirm out of the position in which
they find themselves; at the same
time he gives the Germans an oppor-
tunity to obtain peace at once if they
want it badly enough to act fairly. It
is up to them.

Life comfortingly says for the ben-
efit of our girls: "Don't lose any
beauty sleep over the possibility of
your soldier forgetting you for the
first pretty French girl he meets. He'll
think of you a lot more often 'Over
There' than he ever did over here.
Every woman he sees there will re-
mind him of you in some subtle way—
the sound of a voice, the soft curve
of a throat, the mere fact that she is
a woman, and, therefore, like you.
You and home are his religion and
the things he is fighting for. Don't
you worry, girls; the farther away
he may be, the more wholeheartedly
does he belong to you, and to you
alone."

The Ocala Star is somewhat peeved
because the Herald referred to its
section of the state as backward.
Well, we will withdraw that remark,
explaining merely that we were
judging of the section by the attitude
of the Star toward the proposed
school tax amendment.—Miami Her-
ald.

Judging by some of the Herald's re-
marks, it doesn't know enough about
its own state to form an intelligent
opinion about most matters out of
cannon shot from its office.

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY?

To those opponents of the proposed
ten-mill amendment who have prob-
ably not fully thought over the neces-
sity for it but have honestly felt that
it was not time to bring forward a
measure for increased taxation:

This is essentially an after-war
measure in going into effect, for the
levy is made for the present tax year,
and the matter of making the levy is
left with the boards of public in-
struction.

Right here at home in Marion coun-
ty with the finances of the board run-
ning nearly one year behind I want to
ask what are you going to say to
Fantville when she comes up and
says she must have a new school
building and furniture to take the
place of the old, worn out, dilapidated
building and furniture to take the
road side for these many years
and is now a disgrace to community
and the county?

What are you going to say to Mc-
Intosh who has waited patiently to
have her school building re-painted
and repaired which is sorely needed?

What are you going to say to Red-
dick when she asks for a new build-
ing to take the place of the dilapidat-
ed old barn that has been standing by
the side of one of the most public
roads in the county for many years
and is a standing disgrace to the
community and to the county? This
is the community of "Old Fax and
Figures," too. He had better be figur-
ing on some plan to get a decent
school house and adequate equipment
for the education of the children of
his community.

What are you going to say to Elec-
tra who has for all these years been
using an old lodge building for a
school house when she can no longer
do so and calls for a new building?

What are you going to say to Ken-
drick when she asks, as she has al-
ready done, for a new building, to
take the place of the old worn out,
unpainted, inadequate house, that she
has been doing for many, many
years?

Probably worst of all, what are you
going to say to Anthony when she
asks for a good new building some-
what in keeping with the place to
take the place of the old shell of a
house that years ago became inade-
quate to house the school comfortably
and which is thought possibly to be
unsafe?

What are you going to say to Gram-
hamville when she asks for a build-
ing to take the place of the old house
that has served more than a genera-
tion and which is rotting down and is
almost absolutely uninhabitable and
past being repaired?

What are you going to say to the
Goolsby school when they can no
longer use the private house in the
middle of an old field that has been
generously furnished by one with no
children in school?

What are you going to say to the
Paisley school when they want their
old shack of a house either replaced
by a neat one or the present one fixed
up and painted so as to make it re-
spectable by the side of the road?

I have mentioned only those that
seemed most urgently in need of at-
tention at once. There are many
others that need painting and repair-
ing and replacing or changing.

It is true that we have some good
buildings in the county built generally
by bonding and liberal donations
from the county general school funds.
Surely these places are not now going
to assume the role of the dog in the
manger and say that we are fixed
all right and you can take care of
yourselves or continue to do without
even respectable accommodations.

You should know that small dis-
tricts or those of low valuation of
taxable property cannot sell bonds to
any advantage even in normal times.

A number of these places are in
territory that is not in special tax
school districts and if they were there
would be no valuable property to tax.
These are helpless and dependent
upon direct aid of the county general
school funds.

You notice that I have mentioned
only the school buildings and have
not touched on outbuildings, pumps,
furniture, equipment nor incidentals.

We are today in need of from twenty
to twenty-five more white teachers
than we have to fill actual vacancies
that exist now. Everything has been
done that could be done to get them.
I am now running advertisements in
the two big state dailies for teachers
but the trouble is that the other
parts of the state are in the same fix
in a greater or less degree.

What are you going to do about it?
You people who have children to edu-
cate and who know that a country
without good schools is not fit to live
in and will soon be deserted, what are
you going to do about it?

A body of teachers cannot be built
up within one or two years. It takes
time and money and labor to make a
teacher and the force has been gradu-
ally growing less in the state for
several years. We have been having
difficulty in finding suitable teachers
all the time.

The underlying explanation is that
the salaries we have been able to
pay have been absolutely inadequate
for them to live upon and the young
people are failing to take up teach-
ing or to prepare for it and many of
those who have been teaching are
gradually taking up other lines as
they may have opportunity to better
their conditions. Do you blame them?
I do not although I wish it were
otherwise.

I know that this measure cannot

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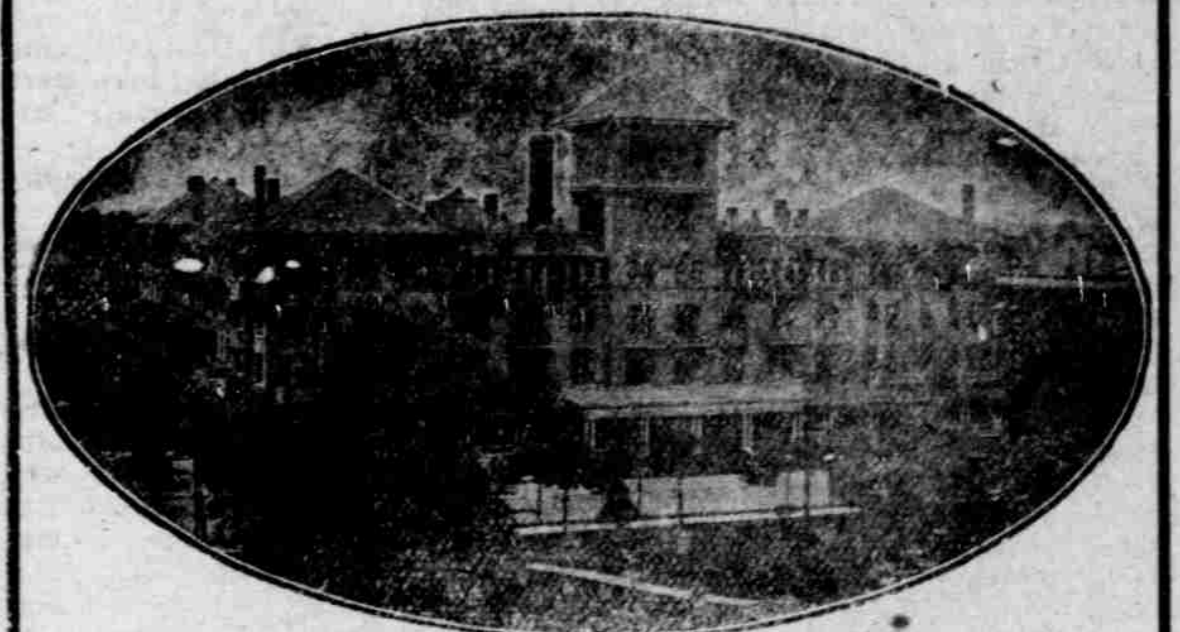
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